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SOLUTIONS FROM A DATA BASE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the pending final Office Action, mailed June 19, 2008, and in view of the Advisory Action (AA) issued on September 24, 2008, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows and consider the remarks provided herein. No new matter is presented by these amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicant hereby petitions for a 3 (three)-month extension of the time period for response.